Subject: Re: Second follow-up — ALPR/Flock public records request, filed June 28, 2026
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 12:06:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mark Williams
To: Taylor, Samantha B
CC: Scherer, John P., Richards, Heather K.
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg

Dear Ms. Taylor:

We filed our ALPR / Flock public-records request with UNC Wilmington on June 28, 2026, and supplemented it the same day with the specific Flock reports (the Organization Audit, Network Audit, and Event Log). On July 22, 2026 you acknowledged the request, candidly apologized for the delay and the missed follow-up, explained that it had been redirected after the original recipient's retirement, and committed that the University would fully respond by August 1, 2026. We appreciated that engagement, and this letter is written in the same spirit.

To make compliance easier, we offered to take production on a rolling basis and flagged a single priority: the Flock Network Audit — the Insights tab, most recent three months, in native CSV — with the remaining items to follow on a rolling schedule. To be clear, we did not withdraw or narrow any item; the offer was only to sequence production, not to reduce the request.

August 1 — the date the University itself set — has now passed, without a production or a further date. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6 calls for production "as promptly as possible." We ask, by Friday, August 14, 2026, for either the Network Audit now with the remaining items to follow on a rolling basis, or a written completion date we can rely on.

As UNCW is New Hanover County's own university, we would genuinely like to be able to report that it produced promptly and in full. We remain glad to confer by phone, and to help in any way that would speed this. Thank you.

Respectfully,

~Mark

From: Taylor, Samantha B <[redacted]>
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:02 PM
To: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
Cc: Scherer, John P. <[redacted]>; Richards, Heather K. <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Second follow-up — ALPR/Flock public records request, filed June 28, 2026

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good evening, Mark

Apologies for not acknowledging receipt of your request, that was an oversight. And I further apologize that you did not receive a response to you July 13th email, but I do not have anything in my inbox from you after your initial request and same-day supplement on June 28. If you wouldn't mind resending the July 13 email so I can get to the bottom of that, I would appreciate it.

Lastly, I apologize for the delay. We have been working on your request—frankly, it's been a bit of a tricky one, and we might not have very many responsive documents—but we will make sure it is fully responded to by August 1st.

Kind regards,

Samantha Taylor

Some people who received this message don't often get email from mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com. Learn why this is important

[This email originated from outside of UNCW]

Dear Ms. Taylor,

I am following up on a public-records request I submitted to UNC Wilmington on **June 28, 2026**, concerning the University's automated license plate reader (ALPR) program and its contract with Flock Safety or another ALPR vendor. I sent a first follow-up on **July 13**. To date I have not received an acknowledgment of receipt, a production, or an estimated date.

I understand the request was originally directed to a recipient who has since retired and was redirected to your attention. I have copied Mr. Scherer and Ms. Richards in case the request needs to be relocated within the office following that transition. If it was lost in that transition, I would rather fix it than press the point — **tell me and I will re-send the full request and the same-day supplement today**.

For context that I hope is useful rather than argumentative: two institutions in the UNC System received this identical request on the same day and have already produced in full. **UNC School of the Arts produced on July 1 — three days. North Carolina A&T State University produced on July 9 — eleven days.** A&T's Network Audit alone contained 1,390,776 rows. The core records here are reports generated on demand from the Flock Insights tab; they are not a research project.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a) requires production "as promptly as possible." I recognize that standard accounts for an office's workload, and I am not suggesting bad faith. But twenty-four days without an acknowledgment is difficult to square with it when peer institutions have completed the same

request in days.

To make this easier, I am glad to take production in stages. The single item of greatest public interest is the **Flock Network Audit** — Insights tab, most recent three months, exported in native CSV. If UNCW produces that one report now and the remaining items on a rolling schedule, that satisfies my urgent need. I am trying to answer one question: which agencies are searching cameras on a public campus, and for what stated reason.

Please let me know by **Friday, August 1, 2026** either:

1. When production will be complete; or
2. Which specific items the University contends are exempt, and the statutory basis for each.

If any portion is being withheld, I would appreciate that in writing so the record is clear.

I am glad to speak by phone if that is quicker than correspondence.

Respectfully,

Mark Spencer Williams

Check Out our Most Recent Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsSO1S3CvK8

From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 12:23 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: FW: North Carolina Public Records Request — UNCW Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras

Resending -

From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 11:55 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: North Carolina Public Records Request — UNCW Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras

Dear Mr. Miller and Ms. Richards,

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 *et seq.*, I respectfully request copies of the following public records in the custody of the University of North Carolina Wilmington (including the UNCW Police Department) concerning the University's use of, access to, or consideration of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras — whether provided by Flock Safety, Genetec, Motorola Solutions, or any other vendor:

1. All contracts, agreements, quotes, purchase orders, statements of work, and renewals between UNCW (or the UNCW Police Department) and any ALPR vendor, including any executed through a licensed third-party installer.
2. Any policy, directive, general order, or standard operating procedure governing the use, access, retention, and auditing of ALPR cameras and the data they collect.
3. The number of ALPR cameras owned, operated, or accessible by UNCW — fixed and mobile — and the general areas or roadways they cover (including any campus entrances).
4. The retention period for captured plate data and the schedule on which such data is deleted.
5. Any memoranda of understanding, data-sharing agreements, or "hot list" arrangements between UNCW and any other entity — including any memoranda of understanding, data-sharing agreements, or "hot list" arrangements between UNCW and any other entity — including other UNC System institutions, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the City of Wilmington, the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or any statewide or nationwide ALPR lookup network.
6. Audit logs or summary reports reflecting searches of ALPR data performed by or on behalf of UNCW for the most recent twelve (12) months, including the number of searches and the stated reason categories.
7. Any records of misuse, policy violations, complaints, or disciplinary actions relating to ALPR use.
8. All communications (including emails) between UNCW personnel and any ALPR vendor concerning the acquisition, installation, or operation of ALPR cameras at UNCW.

To the extent any portion of a responsive record is exempt, please cite the specific statutory basis and produce all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions. While captured plate *data* may be confidential under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.32, contracts, policies, camera counts, retention schedules, data-sharing agreements, and audit summaries are generally public records subject to disclosure.

Please provide responsive records in electronic format where available, and advise of any estimated fees before incurring them. As the statute provides, I ask that these records be produced "as promptly as possible." Please confirm receipt.

Sincerely,
Mark Spencer Williams

Check Out our Most Recent Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsSO1S3CvK8

RICE LAW, PLLC
RiceFamilyLaw.com

Mark Spencer Williams
Attorney

910.762.3854 Office
910.304.5360 Direct
910.251.6346 Office Fax
910.317.8930 Direct Fax

mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com

105 N 6th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

NOTICE: *Use of a employer's workplace device or email may subject communications that are normally subject to attorney-client priviledge to disclosure. Take notice and warning that you should not use a workplace email or device to provide you wish to remain condidential due to the risk that your employer may have a right of access. Public/state employees may have their information subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. This message is intended only for the use of it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential, and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the me you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please permanently delete it and notify us immediately.*
The typewritten signature included with this email is not an electronic signature within the meaning of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, North Carolina's E-Commerce Act or any other law of similar import, including Electronic Transactions Act, as the same may be enacted in any State.
IRS Circular 230 Notice: To the extent that this message or any attachment concerns tax matters, it is not intended to be used and cannot be used by a taxpayer for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed by law.

Please consider the environment before printing this email.